

GERMANS QUIT AIR, PREPARING BLOW

Allies Take Advantage of Lull
and Drop Bombs on Im-
portant Points.

Eighteen Planes Were Shot Down in Day.

Seven German machines were destroyed and six driven down out of control. Four of our machines are missing.

obtained on a submarine shelter, on the railway and on merchant ships. Near Zeebrugge four torpedo boat destroyers and four torpedo boats were attacked.

Sixteen hostile machines attacked one of our formations. Three enemy machines were destroyed and three were driven down out of control. All our machines returned.

Seven hostile machines attacked three of our large seaplanes. In an engagement lasting fifty-five minutes two hostile machines were destroyed. Our machines returned safely, though damaged.

The German official report to night

The Air Ministry statement follows:

On July 8 our machines successfully bombed an enemy airdrome, bombs being observed to burst on the sheds and hangars. During the night of July 8 enemy airdromes were again attacked with good results, two hangars being reported as having been set on fire. Trains and searchlights were attacked from a low altitude. All our machines returned safely.

Describing the activity of the airmen of the Allies on the Italian front, the Associated Press correspondent at Italian army headquarters says the air superiority of the Entente Allies on the Austro-Italian front is indicated by figures made public dealing with the ten days offensive of the Austro-Hungarian last July.

Three thousand observation photographs were taken and 5,000 bombs weighing twenty tons, were dropped by allied airmen. Italian observation balloons signalled nearly 4,000 positions of enemy artillery and directed the fire of nearly 1,000 guns.

141 KILLED IN RAIDS.

432 Wounded in Paris By German Bombers
Between Jan. 1 and June 30.

PARIS, July 9.—The *Temps*, in a summary of the aerial and long range bombardments carried out by the Germans on Paris and suburbs, says that the figures show that 141 persons were killed.

On the night of January 30-31 last, when fifty-five persons were killed and 200 wounded. Up to June 30, 1918, there were twenty raids by Gothas and the bombardment by the long range guns took place on thirty-nine days. In the period from January 1 to June 30, 1918, 1,000 persons were killed numbered 141 and the wounded 432, according to the official statements. These totals did not include persons who subsequently died from wounds nor the sixty-six persons who were crushed to death in a panic during a raid on March 11.

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